

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A fixing structure of ~~a rod and~~ attaching a synthetic resin component to a forward end of a rod by inserting the forward end of the rod into an insertion part of the synthetic resin component, wherein

a rear side of ~~a rod~~ said insertion part ~~of the synthetic resin component~~ is widened, a stopper piece that protrudes obliquely rearward of an inner surface of the rear side of the insertion part ~~of the synthetic resin component~~ is provided within the rear side thereof, a stopper recess on a forward end of the stopper piece is formed on a side surface of ~~a the~~ forward end of the rod, and a position regulating part, on which the forward end of the rod is abutted during insertion of the rod, ~~that regulates a position of the forward end of the rod~~ is provided in a rear part of the insertion part.

2. (Original) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

the position regulating part is a pressing member that is a compression elastic body formed integrally with the synthetic resin component.

3. (Currently Amended) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

~~an insertion part~~ an upper region of the synthetic resin component is formed into a frame by opening the rear side of

the insertion part on both sides of the ~~insertion part~~upper
region of the synthetic resin component.

4. (Previously Presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

a protrusion is provided on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a fitting groove into which the protrusion is fitted is provided in an inner side surface of an inlet-side region of the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.

5. (Previously Presented) The fixing structure of the rod and the synthetic resin component according to claim 1, wherein

a flat surface is formed on an opposite side to the stopper recess on the side surface of the forward end of the rod, and a flat surface closely contacting with said flat surface is formed on the insertion part of the synthetic resin component.